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IN THE ABSTRACT:

~~--In the system an~~ An access member for use in catheterization ~~(1) is provided, said access member~~ having an outer end ~~(1a)~~ and an inner end ~~(1b)~~. The access member, which is adapted to extend from the outside of the body through a ~~the~~ canal ~~which may be an artificial canal~~ extending from the user's abdominal wall ~~(2)~~ to the bladder ~~(3)~~ and into the bladder, ~~and~~ has at least one cavity extending substantially throughout the length of the access member. The walls of the access member are made from a flexible material such that the cavity is generally kept closed by the mutual contact of the walls while allowing for intermittent insertion of a catheter.--